

REMARKS

Claim 32 has been canceled without prejudice, and Applicants reserve the opportunity to present this claim or claims of a different scope in a continuation application. No new issues are raised by the remarks herein.

Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 25-31 remain in their allowed form.

Claims 11-17 and 33

Applicants thank Supervisory Examiner Will for contacting the undersigned attorney via telephone on May 11, 2007 to explain that independent claim 11 would be deemed patentable over Edwards (U.S. 6,484,811), but that the March 6, 2007 Amendment could not be entered due to the issues related to claim 32. This was also recorded in the May 15, 2007 Advisory Action mailed, which indicated that the patentability arguments regarding claim 11 "are persuasive." (As previously described, Edwards fails to disclose that "during operation of the apparatus, the first soil fracturing means fully revolves about the first holding means relative to the carrier.")

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 11 and dependent claims 12-17 and 33 are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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